



Public Notice

Proposed Interim Cleanup Action

Boeing Commercial Airplane Group - Renton

The Department of Ecology invites the public to read and comment on:

- An interim cleanup action plan

<http://ecy.wa.gov/programs/hwtr/foia/boeingrentoniawp.pdf>

- State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) documents

<http://ecy.wa.gov/programs/hwtr/foia/boeingrentoniasepachklist.pdf>

<http://ecy.wa.gov/programs/hwtr/foia/boeingrentonsepadns.pdf>

The public is invited to comment on these documents through October 17, 2005. After reviewing the public comments, Ecology will make a final decision on these draft documents.

Site Location and Background

The *Boeing Commercial Airplane Group – Renton Plant* is located at 8th and Logan Avenue North, Renton, Washington. This facility produces 737 and 757 model commercial aircraft. Airplane manufacturing has occurred at this facility since 1941.

Hazardous waste management activities at the facility, including the proposed cleanup action, are regulated under the federal Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), and the Washington State Dangerous Waste Regulations, Chapter 173-303 WAC, and the Washington State Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA).

In May 1990, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) conducted a RCRA Facility Assessment (RFA) as the first step of cleanup. This study showed that pollution had been released to the environment, including soils and groundwater beneath the facility, and surface water and/or sediments near the facility. This pollution came from several different locations at the facility, mainly from tank leaks and spills.

The Department of Ecology negotiated a MTCA Agreed Order with The Boeing Company in October 1997 which required investigation and analysis of cleanup alternatives for the contamination at the facility. This proposed cleanup action is consistent with the requirements in that Order.

Proposed Action Plan for Cleanup of Hazardous Chemicals and Petroleum Contamination

Soils and groundwater at the areas of concern (AOC-001 and AOC-002) located near Building 4-20 are contaminated with several hazardous chemicals and petroleum hydrocarbons. The proposed interim cleanup action will remove contaminated soils from this area. Soils will be excavated to the water table. Additional soils below the water table may be excavated, as needed. The potential excavation area measures approximately 40 feet by 40 feet.

Environmental Review

The Department of Ecology is the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) lead agency for corrective action decisions at Boeing Renton.

After evaluating relevant information, Ecology determined that this proposed interim cleanup action will not have a significant adverse environmental impact and has thus issued a determination of non-significance (DNS). The DNS and SEPA checklist are included for public comment.

For more information, contact Mr. Byung Maeng (Ecology Site Manager), at (425) 649-7253.

Public Comment Period September 16 – October 17, 2005

The Interim Cleanup Action Plan and Ecology's SEPA Determination of Non-Significance (DNS) are available for public review Monday through Thursday 9 am to 9 pm, and Friday and Saturday 10 am to 6 pm at:

City of Renton Main Library
Information Services
100 Mill South
Renton, WA 98055
(425) 430-6610

Or by appointment, Monday through Friday
9 am to 4:30 pm at:

Department of Ecology
Northwest Regional Office
3190 160th Ave SE
Bellevue, WA 98008-5452
Phone: (425) 649-7190

To receive a copy of Ecology’s SEPA Determination of Non-Significance (DNS), please contact Byung Maeng at (425) 649-7253 or bmae461@ecy.wa.gov.

Comments must be postmarked or received by close of business Monday, October 17, 2005. Comments can be hand-delivered, during regular business hours, to the Ecology address shown above.

Send your comments to:

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Ecology’s Procedures for Reaching a Final Decision

Ecology invites the public to read and comment on these two proposed documents. Ecology considers all public comments before making final decisions.

The public review process regulatory requirements under the Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA) are in the Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 173-340-600. See <http://www.leg.wa.gov/wac> for information. For more information about SEPA and MTCA, please see <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/sea/sepa/handbk/hbch10.html#ReviewProcess>

Responding to comments and testimony

Ecology will consider and respond to written comments submitted by the public.

Final decision

Once the public comment period ends, Ecology will review all comments received and make recommendations for suggested changes to the cleanup action plan and SEPA documents. If no significant changes are made, the documents will be considered final. If significant changes are made, an additional public comment period will be held.

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We used several mailing lists. If you receive a duplicate, please pass it on.

Effective date of decision

The effective date of Ecology’s decision will be the date on Ecology’s letter approving the interim cleanup action plan.

Ecology is an Equal Opportunity Agency. If you need this information in an alternative format, or you have special accommodation needs for the meeting, contact Byung Maeng at (425) 649-7253 (Voice) or 711 or 1-800-833-6388 (TTY relay service).

